Merchant Marine Reserve

MMR

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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MISSION

Maintain an organization of qualified Merchant Marine Officers composed of:

1) A corps of actively sailing members trained to operate Merchant ships as Naval Auxiliaries; and

2) A shoreside cadre assigned to Naval Reserve Activities that support strategic sealift readiness.

Merchant Marine Act of 1936

1) Requires the United States to have a Merchant Marine capable of serving as a Naval and Military Auxiliary in time of War or National Emergency

2) Requires Merchant Marine Officers employed on subsidized or DOT vessels to be members of the Naval Reserve, if eligible.

Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980

1) Requires the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marine to work closely together to promote the maximum integration of seapower forces.
2) Tasks Secretary of Transportation to train future Merchant Marine Officers, to include Naval and Military Auxiliary roles in the time of mobilization.
3) Tasks Secretary of the Navy to maintain Departments of Naval Science at Maritime Schools.

Sources of Naval Reserve Merchant Marine Officers

1) U. S. Merchant Marine Academy
2) California, Great Lakes, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and Texas – Maritime Academies
3) Direct Commissioning
4) Transfers from other Reserve Programs

MMR Organization

1) MMR USNR Midshipman Program
2) Merchant Marine Individual Ready Reserve Group (MMIRRG)
3) Merchant Marine Reserve Operational Command Headquarters (MMROCH) Units (now under the COMSC Chain of Command)
4) Strategic Sealift Support Billets

MMR Organization (cont'd)

- **Recalled Officers represent the only MMR active duty**
- **SELRES designated billets currently number 123 for MMR officers. MMR officers also fill billets in units such as MIUW, NCW, NCAGS, etc.**
- **Individual Ready Reservists (IRR):**

  Professional Mariners with active USCG Licenses sailing or in the Industry.

MMR Officers

Industry Experience

Traditional Deck:

- Port Captains
- Chartering
- Vessel Operations
- Marine Insurance
- Stevedoring / Cargo Operations
- Port administration
- Port Operations
- Maritime Law
- Agencies
- Cargo surveyor
- Bunker (fuel) broker
- Intermodal operations

Traditional Engineering:

- Port Engineer
- Naval Architect
- Shipyard supervisors
- Ship surveyors
- Manufacturer's representatives
- Fuel analysis
- Buyers for engineering equipment

MSC and MARAD have successfully used real-time MMR support in many of these fields

SPECIAL DUTY RESTRICTED LINE DESIGNATORS

1625 - Merchant Marine Deck

1665 - Merchant Marine Deck and Engineering

1675 - Merchant Marine Engineering

1695 - Merchant Marine Communications

ISSUES AFFECTING THE MMR

1) Declining number of U.S. Flag Merchant vessels continues to reduce the availability of shipboard employment opportunities.
2) Increased regulatory requirements involving proficiency and recency to obtain or retain International Certifications.
3) Reduced opportunities for shipboard training of MMR officers in grey hull environments.

MMR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1) Over 90% of MMR Officers are in the MMIRRG. This allows a Navy Reserve Career for officers sailing in the Merchant Marine.
2) MMIRRG Officer Training and Service Agreement:
    1) 8 Years participation in the IRR
    2) Current 5 year physical
    3) 2 weeks ADT each year
3) CNRFC N14 Acts as a "virtual reserve center" for MMIRRG officers.

MMIRRG SUPPORT TO MSC FY04

Location	Days
Beaumont	57
Charleston	48
Kuwait	404
Naples, Italy	165
New Orleans	12
Norfolk	86
Pearl Harbor	18
Port Canaveral	36
San Diego	153
San Francisco	561
Souda Bay, Greece	320
MSCHQ	412

ORDERS FOR MMIRRG OFFICERS

1) All paid orders from CNRFC N14 are ADT.
2) Non-pay IDT Permission Authority (IPA) order are also available to reserve units.
3) Priority is always given to supporting operational and sealift requirements of the Navy, followed by courses required to maintain USCG licenses.
4) An MMR training and requirements plan is posted on the MMR portion of the Naval Reserve website.

SHORT LEAD REQUIREMENTS

1) When no individual is identified or requested, messages are distributed via e-mail (currently reaching over 1550 MMIRRG officers.
2) Information is also posted to our website.
3) To date, we have been successful in filling nearly all short lead requests for support.
4) Local orders can be processed same day, orders requiring travel require more notice.

MMR PROGRAM FUTURE

1) Continue to support sealift requirements of the Navy
    1) Through MSC
    2) Through the National Shipping Authority / RRF fleet
    3) Ensuring current professional qualifications of MMR officers
2) Support DoD Logistics Efforts, such as watchstanders at USTRANSCOM

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